

Twelve Goals In Two Games Within A Week

WYCOMBE MARKSMEN SLAM FIVE MORE —But Not Enough For The Fans!

FIYE more goals on Saturday — 12 in two games within a week — put Wycombe Wanderers level with Enfield among the Isthmian League's most prolific scorers.

But the consistency of the three leading clubs, Hendon, Tooting, and Sutton, still keeps the Wanderers down to fourth place, although they have games in hand over the top two.

MAIDSTONE ROUTED

Wycombe Wanderers 5,

Maidstone United 0.

AFTER those seven goals against St. Albans a few days before, Wycombe supporters looked confidently and with relish for another goal-gut against bottom-of-the-table Maidstone on Saturday.

It says much for the Wanderers' current repute, writes "Spot Kick," that so handsome a win still left the home crowd only half satisfied!

"It should have been twice as many," complained a disgruntled home supporter at the close.

That it was not twice as many was a tribute to the persistency with which Maidstone packed

their goal to keep the eager Wycombe forwards at bay, and to some plucky saves later in the game by goalkeeper Apps.

It needs the goad of tough opposition to spur the Wanderers to their best. Unhappy Maidstone were by no means tough opposition and the Wanderers were far from their best.

SHOCK START

Appetite was whetted by a goal in less than a minute from Paul Bates — but although the Wanderers warmed to their work with enthusiasm, keeping play largely in the Maidstone goal area, the expected goal-rush was long delayed by the Kent side's spoiling tactics, often with eight or nine men back in defence.

Maidstone's forwards rarely managed to sustain an attack long enough to threaten the solid bar-

rier of Beck, Rundle and Roystone, though one determined effort by Scarle, the one bright light in an unimpressive visiting front line produced the best shot of the game and a smart save by Maskell.

The escape jolted Wycombe into renewed urgency and Horseman promptly accepted a pass from Bates to claim a second in the 32nd minute.

TWO QUICK ONES

The Wanderers still had to be content with a two-goal lead at the interval — a score which by no means delighted the impatient fans — but the clamour for results brought a brisker start to the second-half, with a goal within a minute from a surprise hooked shot from Samuels, and another three minutes later from Bates.

It looked now as if the Wanderers might surpass their St. Albans scoring spree. Maidstone, however, were not content to accept the inevitable and they kept the game alive with a stubborn defence in face of a 20-minute spell of almost continuous onslaught in Wycombe's brightest vein of sparkling precision.

A tremendous shot from Bates cannoned a foot wide, another from Merrick was luckily blocked on the goal-line, and the busy Apps brought off a succession of timely saves.

But they were unable to prevent Bates from heading a fifth 27 minutes after the interval from a shrewdly placed centre by Horseman.

Wycombe Wanderers: J. Maskell; J. Beck, P. Roystone; B. Baker, J. Rundle, C. Gale; L. Worley, K. Samuels, P. Bates, A. Horseman, L. Merrick.

Maidstone United: L. Apps; R. Teague, R. Ring; P. Busby, A. McGuinness, P. Long; D. Monks, P. Scarle, C. Constable, S. Wladyslaw, N. Codling.